

Organic Aerosol Formation: Major Uncertainties Impacting Climate Forcing (ASP Contributions)

Mechanisms of formation and growth:

- **Source of model-measurements discrepancy for SOA?**

1. Lab SOA yields underestimated
2. Unmeasured pool of precursors in air
3. Assumptions in models incorrect

-effect of NO_x

-reversible vs irreversible SOA formation

-chemistry and photochemistry in particles

-relative contributions of O₃, NO₃, OH

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Water uptake [$f(RH)$], Growth and CCN Activity:

- Why similar for oxidized and unoxidized in both lab and field studies?

-What is relative importance of surface vs bulk solubility?

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Surface and Structure of particles:

- Is knowing bulk composition enough? e.g. if polar groups on inside, hydrophobic outside, oxidation may not lead to water uptake and CCN activity.
 - Impact on chemistry, e.g. establishment of equilibrium?
 - Need to peel like an onion
 - Techniques to do this?

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Paulson (optical properties)

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Synergism between biogenic and anthropogenic emissions

- Preponderance of modern C?

***How much can we understand about organic aerosol with
single particle and aerosol mass spectrometers?***

- high resolution mass spectrometry very useful
- combination of density and MS provides insights
- identification of tracers important in future

- What new analytical approaches are needed?

- surface science approaches, e.g., TOF-SIMS
- identification of tracers, with separation first?

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What are the chemical loss processes/aging for SOA?

- What is relative importance of reaction with OH, NO₃ etc?
 - forms volatile gases or less volatile products?
 - form SOA, then oxidize with OH etc, look for volatiles
 - use "real" aerosols, mixture inorganics and organics

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Do SOA absorb in UV & do photochemistry, and what components are responsible?

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***Are There Areas for Improved
Coordination within ASP or Externally?
What and with Whom?***

- ASP currently provides excellent opportunities for integrating lab, field and modeling
- Circulate to all ASP investigators the titles and authors of papers as they are submitted
- Circulate in advance notice of presentations at meetings